

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Klaus Koppetsch. I work for the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHHD) as a mechanical studies specialist. The GICHHD supports the efforts of the international community in reducing the impact of mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). We are active in research and provide operational assistance on request.

Our Centre publishes a bi-annually updated catalogue which covers the majority of mechanical demining equipment including mine protected vehicles available on the commercial market. This document is distributed world-wide. It aims to provide technical and general information both to donors at government level and field users. The next updated issue is planned for early January 2010.

As your company is dealing with the development of mechanical demining equipment or mine protected vehicles or holds the full Intellectual Property rights to manufacturer these products I would like to offer you the opportunity to have your machine(s) included in this catalogue. This offer is free - we do not charge for inclusion in this important publication.

Manufacturers whose machine has been previously displayed can refer to any changes that might be caused by further development. These manufacturers will find the related article and technical data sheet of the last edition from the catalogue 2006 attached. Please feel free to incorporate any product or information changes and if you do so, please use the track change modus, so that we can easily identify the changes.

Information on further technical developments, additional available working tools for the machine, machines in use to date, factory support and maintenance support are of particular interest for the audiences mentioned above.

Attached you will find questionnaires with the information needed and a defined classification of soil and vegetation (for describing clearance performance).

In order to show your machines to their best advantage, we need to have good quality photographs.

Please provide at least three high quality pictures in jpg- format with a minimum of 300 dpi when shown at 100% of their final size in the document (minimum approximate size is 6 x 8 cm) . These should show your machine in operation or display any other detail which you consider to be important. The pictures should be forwarded as a separate file and should not be embedded e.g. in a Word document. Images which are Gif format (in website quality) are not, unfortunately, acceptable quality.

Updated pictures of machines which have previously appeared in our catalogues are needed to help us improve the quality of our publication.

**Please forward your contribution to the next edition of the Mechanical Demining Equipment Catalogue 2010 before the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2009.**

**Closing date for entries is 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2009.**

Many thanks in advance for your kind assistance.